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1. DETAILS OF 7 FYP AND 1977 ECONOMIC PLAN ARE
SLOWLY EMERGING IN A FLOOD OF RHETORIC ON ECONOMIC
PROSPECTS FOR 1977. THIS CABLE CONTAINS SUMMARY OF
NEW INFORMATION THAT HAS APPEARED IN PAST MONTH.

2. 7 FYP DETAILS

-----ENERGY. ELECTRICITY TO RAECH 39 BILLION KWH BY
1980. (THIS IS UP BY 1 BILLION KWH OVER EARLIER
FIGURES.) BULGARIA WILL ALSO IMPORT ABOUT
7 BILLION KWH FROM USSR BY 1980. GENERATING CAPACITY
WILL INCREASE BY ABOUT 3000 MEGAWATTS BRINGING TOTAL
TO 10,000 MEGAWATTS. MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WILL
INCLUDE SECOND 880 MEGAWATT ATOMIC POWER PLANT NEAR
KOZLODUI, AND RECONSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONS AT
MARITZA IZTOK 3 AND VARNA THERMAL POWER PLANTS.

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-----AGRICULTURE. FOOD PROCESSING IS TO GROW BY
40 PERCENT BY 1980. TOTAL INCREASE IN OUTPUT OF
NATIONAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IS TO BE 35.2 PERCENT.
DURICI AGRARIAN UNION CONGRESS GOB SPOKESMAN SAID
THAT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WOULD GROW BY 24 PERCENT
RATHER THAN 20 PERCENT OF 7 FYP LAW. TOTAL
INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE IS TO BE 5.1 BILLION LEVA,

APPROXIMATELY 1/6 OF TOTAL 7 FYP INVESTMENT. MEAT, MILK AND EGG PRODUCTION ARE TO INCREASE BY 30 PERCENT, 25 PERCENT AND 19 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY OVER 6 FYP OUTPUT LEVELS.

3. 1977 PLAN DETAILS

-----ENERGY. ELECTRICAL ENERGY PRODUCTION OF 26.3 BILLION KWH (23.2 BILLION KWH IN 1976); COAL PRODUCTION OF 30.7 MILLION TONS (26.9 MILLION TONS IN 1976).

-----TRANSPORTATION. FREIGHT TRANSPORT TO INCREASE BY 30 PERCENT. 42 PERCENT OF AUTO TRANSPORT WILL BE CENTRALIZED BY END OF 1977.

-----CONSTRUCTION. TOTAL CONSTRUCTION TO GROW BY 15 PERCENT IN 1977 WITH EXPENDITURES OF 1,785 MILLION LEVA. 455 MILLION OF TOTAL IS FOR 75,500 HOUSING UNITS, INCLUDING 59,000 APARTMENTS TO BE BUILT BY STATE COMBINES. MAJOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS INCLUDE ELECTRICAL POWER PLANTS, BURGAS PETROCHEMICAL COMBINE, DEVNYA INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, YAMBOL CHEMICAL COMBINE AND HEAVY MACHINERY WORKS AT RUSE AND PERNIK.

-----AGRICULTURE. 1977 MEAT PRODUCTION TO INCREASE BY 6.6 PERCENT OVER 1976; MILK BY 7 PERCENT; VEGETABLES BY 9 PERCENT; FRUITS BY 5 PERCENT. FODDER PRODUCTION IS TO INCREASE BY 250,000 TONS OVER 1976.

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